

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
-- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --  
EXAMINING GROUP 2654**

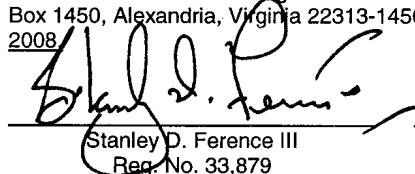
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Chaudhari et al.  
Serial No. : 10/042,827 Examiner : Qi Han  
Filed : January 4, 2002 Art Unit : 2654  
For : EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED  
ON A SPLITTING FUNCTION DERIVED FROM  
SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-DECOMPOSITIONS

March 26, 2008

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being filed with the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, by EFS Web on March 26, 2008.

  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2007, kindly enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.